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To the FDA:

I am 51-year-old woman going through menopause. Now, I know many have passed through these doors with traditional hormone replacement therapy, mainly Premarin and Estrace, but I am not one of them. After 4 years of taking these generally prescribed medicines my symptoms have not been alleviated. I thought I was doomed to live with hot flashes, moodiness, lack of libido, the inability to remember and concentrate, etc. Instead, my doctor and health care practitioner have prescribed a progesterone and estrogen cream compounded especially for me that has eliminated and managed my menopausal symptoms. This cream can only be made through independent pharmacies for men and women such as the Women's International Pharmacy.

The purpose of my letter is to draw your attention to a Memorandum of Understanding published by the FDA, January 21, 1999, which, if passed, will jeopardized my accessibility to receive my medication.

I send this letter as a consumer of health care services to register my concern and disapproval of the Memorandum of Understanding as published by the FDA on January 21, 1999.

The proposed Memorandum of Understanding published by the FDA on January 21, 1999 is a direct threat to the art of pharmacy compounding and is of concern to every consumer of healthcare services and products. The FDA is an agency of the U.S. Government that purports to be the "watchdog" for the consumer. However, as a governmental agency, the FDA also has a responsibility to be accountable to the people.

The MOU must be amended!!! In its present form, the MOU severely restricts my rights as an individual to obtain the healthcare services and products from the provider of my choice. The MOU should be amended so that there are no restrictions to the delivery of a compounded medication prescribed for me, regardless of where I may live or may travel.

Signed: Arlene T. Crosson

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I hope my voice will be heard. Thank you.

Respectfully,

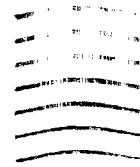
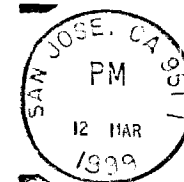
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